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### WILSON'S REFUSAL TO ACT

President Wilson's refusal to carry out Section 34 of the Merchant Marine Act which directed him to terminate existing commercial treaties with foreign countries calls to mind the Panama Canal case. Congress passed an act, which the President subsequently signed, exempting American ships from paying tolls in the Panama Canal. England protested on the ground that it was a violation of the commercial treaty between the two countries. The act was repealed by Congress on the recommendation of President Wilson.

In declining to abrogate the existing commercial treaties by an act of Congress, President Wilson has adhered to his policy of respecting the sanctity of treaties. Sympathizers of Congress denounce the President's action as unconstitutional, alleging the fact that once a president has signed an act of Congress, he is thereby bound to obey and carry it out, even in matters of foreign relations. They point out that "President Polk, at the direction of Congress, gave notice of the abrogation of the treaty of August 6, 1827, with Great Britain; President Pierce, at the direction of the Senate, abrogated the treaty of 1826 with Denmark. The convention of June 5, 1854, with Great Britain, and the treaty of July 17, 1856, and certain articles of the Anglo-American treaty of May 8, 1871, also were terminated by the President at the direction of Congress."

These certainly furnish a long list of precedents, but they do not offer a solution in the present case. There is, however, another aspect which must not be overlooked. The present situation of the world is such that commerce is still disorganized. To grant discriminatory rates to American vessels carrying goods to the United States, by which means the Merchant Marine Act seeks to give America the proposed commercial advantages, would further agitate the world's commerce. While it may, give America decided advantages, it is doubtful whether it will be of permanent good or whether the means is justifiable. To have carried out into effect immediately Section 34 of the Merchant Marine Act, thirty-four nations would have been affected and aroused in a manner unfriendly to us. It would have led to a trade war and a retaliatory fight in which America would have stood alone.

It is doubtless because of the full comprehension of the world's present situation that President Wilson declined to obey the act of Congress. Leaving all things else from consideration, it should be recognized that in taking this stand President Wilson gave the world one more a greater confidence in America.

A minister recently advocated mixing religion with politics—we will admit that politics need something mixed with it.

By all indications coal has lost out in its race with coal weather.

### THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Editor of the Missouriian: The purpose of the State Teachers' Association is fundamentally, to weld into one compact organization all the educated persons of the state to function in bringing about better school conditions in all parts of the state. Every state and community needs a teachers' organization. Cities are bankrupt as far as their school systems go. We are the only nation which sets out to give education at public expense. This means that the sober judgment of college trained men and women should be brought to bear upon the problem.

The program of the Association is to reorganize all the county schools of the state. To do this it will be necessary to pass a bill through the state legislature known as the County Unit Bill. This

bill needs the support of every loyal citizen of Missouri. Especially in Missouri, however, the rural schools are far from what they should be. In one of the most progressive counties in the state two years ago, a report showed that 55 per cent of the rural teachers taught on third grade certificates while but 6 per cent had first grade certificates.

This bill which will be of such far reaching benefit to the children in rural communities should have the strong support of rural parents. Many farmers clubs have declared themselves in favor of the bill, but until all the people of rural communities can realize the vast importance of better educational conditions for their children, little good can be accomplished by legislation.

By the time the postoffice has had a few more walls torn out and crowded together to make more room, the lobby will cease to exist. Of course, people could buy stamps from the front door—but winter is coming on.

### FOR A NEW POSTOFFICE

Columbia needs a new postoffice building. The present one is far from adequate for the receipt and delivery of mail. At the time it was built perhaps less than half the rural population, which is now served, was within the service of the Columbia office. Then there were postoffices at Pierpont, Midway, Hinton, Harg, Shaw and a number of other places which are now dependent upon the five rural service of Columbia. The student and town population was not so large and the mail receipts were small.

At that time the Parcel Post Act had not been enacted. Now, even if the population had not grown, the parcel post mail of itself would require more room. The time was that an old rickety wagon drawn by a blind horse was sufficient for hauling the mail to and from trains. Now it requires a two-ton truck making several trips a day to the same stations to handle the mail. In one morning 1,400 pounds of mail were distributed.

The present workroom is sufficient for the receipt and dispatch of mail alone, so that the twenty-one city and rural carriers are crowded into a space which could only be used advantageously by clerks. The room is not only too small, it is badly arranged so that it is difficult to sort mail accurately. The so-called enlargement of the workroom now being undertaken will not be of material improvement.

A new postoffice would give the people of Columbia better and quicker service, besides adding a building to the town of which it could be proud.

The discovery of that old rusty sword in Columbia will unfortunately give rise to two things—a serenade on "When Knights were Bold" and the quoting of that threadbare remark about history repeating itself.

### THE CALENDAR

October 1—Student mass meeting in University Auditorium at 7:15 p. m.  
October 1—Football—University High vs. Kemper Military Academy.  
October 1—"Hello Day."  
October 2—Football—Missouri Wesleyan vs. Missouri, at Columbia.  
October 2—First issue of the Showme, a monthly magazine published by the students of the University.  
October 3—Salvation army campaign begins.  
October 3—Salvation Army campaign starts in Columbia.  
October 4—Circuit Court in session.  
October 6—The Boone County Sunday School convention meets at the Presbyterian Church.  
October 9—Epsworth League Social.  
October 9—Football—Columbia High vs. Jefferson City High.  
October 10—Student Sunday at Broadway Methodist Church.  
October 11—Missouri State Teachers' Association meeting in Kansas City.  
October 11—American Red Cross Membership drive begins.  
October 14-16—Central Missouri State Teachers Association, Warrensburg.  
October 14-16—Northwest Missouri State Teachers Association, Maryville.  
October 21-23—Northeast Missouri State Teachers Association, Kirksville.  
October 28-30—Southwest Missouri State Teachers Association, Springfield.  
October 28-30—Southeast Missouri State Teachers Association, Cape Girardeau.  
October 29—Annual Barnwarming at Rethwell Gymnasium.  
November 1—Agricultural Short Course opens.  
October 30—Football—Oklahoma vs. Missouri in Columbia.  
November 5—Football—Columbia High vs. Kirksville High.  
November 6—Football—Washington vs. Missouri, in Columbia.  
November 13—Football—Washington vs. Missouri in Columbia.

## Abroad In Missouri

Just on the outskirts of Rocheport, in a tiny booth at the junction of the Missouri and Missouri rivers, lives Henry Tompkins, fisherman.

For more than thirty years this man has lived there alone. He has raised around his house a small strip of land on which he raises a garden. He makes his own fishing nets, dries his own cooking and preserving, dries fruits and cans vegetables for winter use; bakes his own bread and has made all the rustic furniture with which his tiny home is so cozily furnished. He is almost a self-sustaining man, yet this is not the most inspiring interest he holds for people who have "beaten a track to his door."

This old fellow has read every chapter in the Bible at least fifty times, for he has nothing much to do when he is alone during the long winter evenings, and he seems to have an outlook on life which is far more sane than that held by some of us who think ourselves so advanced. He has a homely sort of "David Harnum" wit, which gives to his speech enough of the commonplace and yet enough of the philosophical to drive it home.

"This generation is living too fast," says Tompkins. "We must go back to the more simple modes of living." He thoroughly disapproves of woman suffrage. All he will say in explanation of this stand is that "woman will lose her crown." Although he is a bachelor, and some people even go so far as to call him the "Rocheport hermit," he says he knows women from the fig leaf to the hobbles.

On a slab of rock jutting out from one of the bluffs, Tompkins has carved in rude letters his own history. "Go out and look at it," he says, "it is more last than that of Washington or Grant." Although this old man has very little education, except what he has gained by reading magazines, newspapers, and the Bible, yet there is a dignity and force about him which makes "these

### THE NEW BOOKS

In a discussion on the growing popularity of the scenario, and the decadence of the novel, James M. Barrie is said to have remarked of the films, "Popular, yes, but you can't take them to bed with you." Just fresh from the publisher are a set of novels by both experienced and adventuresome authors that the reviewer guarantees will hold the interest of the reader on downy couch, or that rack of penance known as the student chair.

**"The Girl, a Horse and a Dog."**  
"Your portion of Grandfather Jasper's property was worth, at its latest valuation, something like \$400,000. It lies in perfectly safe depository, situated between the 105th and 110th degree of longitude west from Greenwich and the 35th and 40th degree north latitude. When you find it, you will be able to identify it by the presence of a girl with brown hair and blue eyes, a pearl horse which the girl rides, and a small mole on her left shoulder, a pearl horse which the girl rides, and a dog with a split face—half black and half white. You will be more than likely to find the three together; and if you make the acquaintance of the girl, you'll be on the trail of the legacy."

What more could the reader desire in the way of a scheme, than this letter that opens a world of romance and adventure in "The Girl, a Horse and a Dog," by Francis Lynde. (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York; cloth; 381 pages with frontispiece; price \$2.)

**"The Chinese Coat."**  
Eleanor More wanted the coat. Fantastic gold shadows of dragons chased each other and played lazily across that coat. And so began the great unrest of desire. "The Chinese Coat" is more than a romance. The author, Jennette Lee, shows her best powers in this allegorical novel. (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York; cloth; 198 pages; price, \$1.75.)

**"The Wilderness Mine."**  
In spite of lack of vitality and seriousness, in spite of low standards and discipline of modern literature, there are other phases of the art compassed by the modern novelist. It will always be a question open for argument, whether the demand for novels of romantic adventure resulted in their limitless production, or whether the excess production created the demand. Whether the question is ever settled there is no question but that Harold Bindloss can write entertaining tales of probable adventure.

The last novel from this speedy writer, "The Wilderness Mine," has its setting in the Canadian wilderness. Mysterious treasure centers about an abandoned silver mine. Of course there is a man and a maid, and in such a setting there just had to be a story. (Frederick A. Stokes Co.; cloth; 337 pages.)

**"The Green God's Pavilion."**  
Change of climate is thought to be conducive to good health and certainly change of scene stimulates interest. Maebel Wood Martin gives us a new setting in "The Green God's Pavilion," a novel of the Philippines.

The mystery of the Orient lures the reader through scenes of color and baffling infancy, with the girl with the eyes of jade and the spirit of high adventure. The novel presents the extravagant dreams of America for the uplift of the Far East. The Little Green God of fate decrees that there can not yet be a Philippine Republic. "Fate had decided right. It would take these people a while longer to make ready to meet the future," so the author voices her sentiment in the matter. The book has no

## Between Columns

### LITTLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS

On Speaking to Folks.  
Folks are coming back to earth after three years on very high places. Like anyone who comes back to his old home after three years away from it, they are beginning to evince a hankering to get acquainted with folks again. And just as the man who has been away from the stamping ground of his happier years is diffident about speaking to the folks who are coming down from the peaks are bashful about meetin' up again with each other.

There's nothing like being frank. The Louisiana Journal carried this paragraph the other day: "Somebody played another joke on the Journal Saturday. We received a letter addressed to the financial editor."

Near Hollister is located what is thought to be the largest cavity in the world, Marvel Cave. It is 470 feet deep. One of the most curious things to be seen there is a species of salamander, white in color, and apparently blind which lives 470 feet under the ground without any known source of food.

The same psychological tests used in the army and at West Point are being administered to the cadets of Westworth Military Academy by Capt. J. W. Bare of the school faculty. These tests were given last year with seemingly good results. The tabulations are turned over to the instructors so that they can get the mental rating of each boy without having to wait through weeks of personal investigation.

Sedalia has the lowest infant mortality rate of any Missouri city, according to the figures compiled for 269 cities of the country by the American Child Hygiene Association. The following figures represent the deaths per thousand of infants under 1 year of age for the year 1919: Sedalia, 69; Hannibal, 145; Joplin, 83; Kansas City, 103; Moberly, 88; St. Joseph, 83; St. Louis, 75; Springfield, 109 and Webb City, 84.

value as a political novel, but has interest as a tale of adventure. (Frederick Stokes Co., New York; cloth; 353 pages.)

**"Pax."**  
Of the new novels under present discussion, "Pax" is the only one of power. It has been called a South American "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

Lorenzo Marroquin, a Spanish-American aristocrat who died in 1918, was the author of this novel of Latin-American manners, treating with scenes of those people at their various pleasures and in distress.

Marroquin was bitter and sarcastic, and drew few characters that did not fall into caricatures, but he was a master of symbolism and description. The old story of love baffled by intrigue is used to draw the reader through a story of political struggle and strife. (Dutton, New York; cloth; 480 pages.)

**JOHN BILL EXCITES INTEREST**  
How Nations Will Take Marine Surveying Act is Question.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—(By mail.) While Japan seems the only nation that so far has commented upon the Jones Shipping Act with anything approaching displeasure, it is apparent that in the councils of every government in the world with a merchant marine there are experts gravely studying the provisions of the act in the light of existing commercial treaties, and the reports of discrimination against foreign shipping in American harbors.

Retaliation is the word Americans use in telling of their expectancy of counter-legislation abroad. Self-protection is the foreigners' word. Consumers all over the world should enjoy at least a temporary reduction in the cost of imported goods as a result. In this cut-throat game the United States no doubt could "stick out" the longest, unless a commercial coalition were formed against her.

The higher cost of crews on an American ship is balanced by the cheaper and more abundant American coal. Coal, and not oil, is a great factor in this shipping war at the moment. And, of course, the people of the United States are better prepared to stand an additional burden of taxation than the people of competing governments.

The big question is, what action will the British government take? If the action of the British government is Empire-wide—taken after a meeting of representatives of all the dominions and colonies—the American mercantile marine will be faced by terrific opposition. Preferential treatment given British shipping in every British port in the world would mean many an American steamer traveling in ballast on return voyages.

Without being pessimistic, but principally with the purpose of presenting the naked possibilities, it is wise to wonder if the world, properly aroused against American ambition, might not decide it could do without the superior, but high-priced American goods? This is a chance that one hears mentioned often in the discussions, favorable and unfavorable, in London.

It is the British belief that a Republic administration would carry out the Jones act most effectively. Necessarily, a feeling such as that particularly at the period of a presidential election crisis when it had always been the time honored custom to indulge in a certain amount of British lion tail-twisting, could not be overlooked by any political agent.

So far as it has been possible to find there have been no hostile comments on the Jones Bill in the English press.

**Blind Boone to Give Concert.**  
Blind Boone will give a concert at Shadel on the Fulton road Saturday.

Secrets and Xantippe did it—Englishmen are trying to get into women's clubs—in an orderly fashion, of course. The women welcome them on a mental rather than a sex basis, says the correspondent.

For a welcome, all right. But later—most any man with the slightest vestige of a mind can find something to like and love about some women aside from, or in addition to, her mind. For instance, her eyelashes—or the way she rolls cigarettes.

A taxicab driver in St. Louis was held up and robbed of \$2.  
Officer, are you sure he was a taxicab driver?

Two hundred Missouri bankers are going to meet in Poplar Bluff pretty soon. But a wise hold-up person won't get excited over this news. Bankers lend money to other people to carry around.

It's time to bring out the overcoat so that you won't smell like a drug store when you get down the street one of these brisk mornings.

Did you find an extra pair of gloves you didn't know you had, when you felt in the pockets of the old ulster. We did, praises be!

**All Right It's Open.**  
C. E. suggests that we open a contest for the best poem on Corn; the prize to be publication twice between Columns.

Art, what jobs are committed in 'thy name! We have finished reading an advertisement which declares that "Pleating is an Art," referring to "the symmetrical wrinkling of a petticoat." Hey, Art, what plumbers have thou in thy halls?

**BLEACHING THE YELLOW PERIL**  
(Henry Van Dyke in Scribner's)

The plan was to take Paula to Japan, in fulfillment of a promise I made her when she was a little tiny daughter; to have a brief, glorious vacation there, with some collateral trout-fishing; and then to come home and write a luminous, comprehensive monograph on the Japanese Problem.

This well-intentioned plan went "agley." The first part of the program rolled off splendidly. But now I come to the second part and find it can't be done. I know too much and too little. Japan real country, a wonderful land, a great no longer a mere name to me; it is a nation. Its very simplicity makes it hard to understand and explain. The Far Eastern Question is too large to be solved by an anthropological dogma or settled by a snappy phrase. The "Yellow Peril" is an invention worthy of the yellow press.

## Girls Wanted

Girls or young women—permanent positions, steady employment, light clean work, good wages. A dollar a week extra for good attendance. We have a Club Room for recreation or rest, or you can dance to real jazz music.

We can use as many as 15 girls.

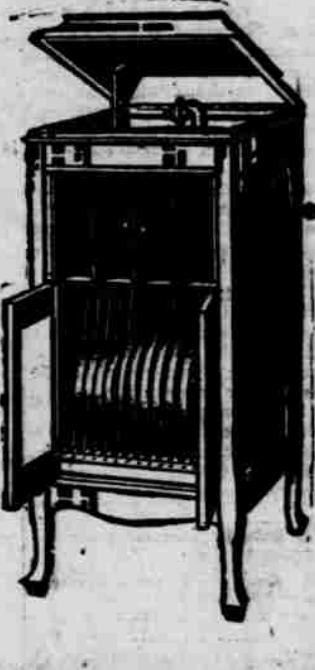
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## THE Columbia

In regard to Tone and Quality the Columbia is the super-instrument. A test will convince you and we invite you to come down and hear it.

The Columbia has the Non-Set Automatic Stop.

## SCOTT'S BOOK SHOP



## Wedding Announcement

Miss Helen Gottrox and Mr. Silas Dohittle will be united in marriage on October the 5th, 1920, at the Hall Theater. The Rev. Mr. Tientite will officiate at this unique occasion in his auspicious manner.

Mr. Everette True will act as best man, having had this inspiration for the past two seasons. While Miss Ollie Wright will pose as Maid of Honor in her most charming way.

The out of town guests who will attend the wedding will be Mr. and Mrs. Von Tassel and son, Leroy, of New York City; Mr. W. J. Bryan, Mary Pickford, Mutt & Jeff, Pres. Wilson and wife; Polly & Paw Pedkins, Charlie Chaplin and many others.

You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends. Laugh until your sides split.

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